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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Mukouyama et al. Art Unit: 1651
Application No.: 09/408,142 Examiner: I. Marx
Filed: September 29, 1999 Confirmation No.: 3645
Title: METHODS FOR PRODUCING L-ASPARTIC ACID

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Commissioner for Patents
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

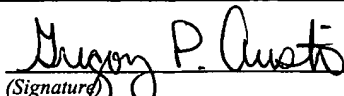
Sir:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action mailed February 17, 2004.

The requested extension is for one (1) month, extending the period for response from May 17, 2004 to June 17, 2004.

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CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.8	
I hereby certify that the documents referred to as enclosed herein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail on this date, June 7, 2004 , in an envelope addressed to: MAIL STOP AF, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.	
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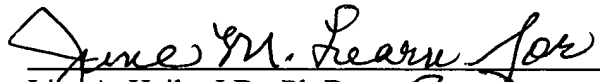
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Applicants claim **LARGE ENTITY** status in the above-identified application.

Enclosed is Check No. 560755 in the amount of \$110.00 in payment of the one (1) month extension of time fee. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees that may be associated with this communication, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1355. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: June 7, 2004



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